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SUBJ: POSSIBLE EXTENSION OF EC ASSOCIATION AGREEMENTS
WITH TUNISIA AND MOROCCO

1. ACCORDING ARTICLE IN JULY 3 DAILY NEWSPAPER L'ACTION,
EC COMMISSION RECOMMENDING TO EC COUNCIL THAT EUROPEAN
COMMUNITY SEEK UP TO ONE YAR EXTENSION OF EXISTING
ASSOCIATION AGREEMENTS WITH TUNISIA AND MOROCCO.
COMMISSION DOES NOT BELIEVE IT POSSIBLE CONCLUDE NEW
AGREEMENTS WITH ENLARGED EC EVEN THOUGH EC COUNCIL OF
FOREIGN MINISTERS ON JUNE 25 -- TO "GENERAL SURPRISE"
OF EVERYONE ACCORDING TO ARTICLE--APPROVED COMPROMISE
POSITION GENERALLY FAVORABLE TO MOROCCO AND TUNISIA.
ARTICLE POINTS OUT THAT COMMISSION BELIEVES EXTENSION WOULD
PERMIT THE TWO NORTH AFRICAN STATES TO CONTINUE ENJOY
BENEFITS OF EXISTING AGREEMENTS AND AVOID DISMANTLING
INSTITUTIONS CREATED TO IMPLEMENT AGREEMENTS EVEN
THOUGH THEY WOULD NOT BE ABLE OBTAIN IMPROVEMENTS
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THEY ARE SEEKING.

2. COMMENT: MINISTER OF ECONOMY AYARI IS PAST HAS
STATED THAT GOT DISSATISFIED WITH EXISTING ASSOCIATION
AGREEMENTS AND PREFERS ITS TERMINATION IN SEPTEMBER
IF SUITABLE ALTERNATIVE CANNOT BE
NEGOTIATED IN TIME RATHER THAN ACCEPT ITS EXTENSION
EVEN ON INTERIM BASIS. THIS COULD BE BARGAINING
TACTIC, HOWEVER, INTENDED APPLY SOME PRESSURE ON EC.
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